

AN OFFER TO LEASE.

THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS IT
BUT TAKES NO ACTION.

A Proposition to Rent the Exposition-Grounds Is Under Consideration
and Another and Better One May
Be Submitted.

An adjourned called meeting of the Executive and Citizens' Auxiliary committees of the Virginia State Agricultural and Mechanical Society was held at Murphy's Hotel yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Those present were President Watkins, Colonel Wickham and Messrs. Taylor, Cottrell, Lorraine, Ferguson, Christian, Chaffin, and Dickerson.

President Watkins was not present at the opening of the meeting, and Mr. Cottrell was called to the chair. He stated that the object of the meeting was to consider a proposition made for the lease of the grounds, and as there was no quorum present he suggested that the contract submitted Saturday be read, and those present discuss the matter in an informal manner. Colonel Wickham read the proposition, and those present expressed themselves upon the subject, the majority of them being favorably inclined to the offer.

President Watkins came in shortly after the meeting was called to order, and this making a quorum, Colonel Wickham offered a motion that action on the proposition be postponed until next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, when the full membership of the committee will no doubt be present. One or two of the committee present thought a better offer could be obtained, but a motion to advertise for bids was not seconded, and was not put before the body.

The fact that the Exposition-Grounds are so close to the city and the place so admirably adapted to the formation of a pleasure park and garden gives rise to the belief on the part of some members of the committee that the grounds can easily be leased for such purposes. The fact that street-cars will soon be running to the grounds increases the opportunity of the society to get a good proposition for the place.

ST. PATRICK'S-DAY OBSERVANCE.

Societies to Attend Church This Morning; the Banquet To-Night.

This is St. Patrick's-Day, and the true Irishman will give up everything else in its celebration. The son of Erin who will be seen to-day without a bit or green upon the lapel of his coat will be lonesome, indeed. This is certainly one of the days when "there's nothing too good for the Irish," and they will have a good time, or know the reason why.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning the Irish societies of the city will assemble at St. Patrick's school-house, whence they will march in a body to St. Patrick's church, on Twenty-fifth and Broad streets, where high mass will be celebrated. There will be no street parade, as has been the custom in the past.

John J. Rankin is the chief marshal, and will have ten assistants, but their duties will cease when the various societies meet in the church.

The following organizations will participate in the march: McGill Catholic Union; Catholic Knights of America; St. Mary's Social and Beneficial Union; Ancient Order of Hibernians, divisions Nos. 1 and 2; and St. Patrick's Beneficial and Social Society.

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FUNERAL OF MR. SADDLER.
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TO VISIT THE CONCLAVES.

Mr. Henry Fliegenhemer left for Atlanta last evening in the interest of the Order of Hephzibahs, in which he holds the office of District Supreme Archon for this district, which embraces in its territory all of the Southern States between Virginia and Georgia inclusive. He will be in charge of the inspection of the Georgia conclaves, taking in the cities of Atlanta, Americus, Macon, Albany, Columbus, and Savannah. It will require about one week to complete the Georgia circuit, and finish the deputy's regular inspection of his district.

During Mr. Fliegenhemer's absence his duties as Clerk of the United States Court will be discharged by Mr. McLean Pleasant, the Deputy Clerk.

Contract for Clerk's Office.
The Southern Fire-Proof Building Company, through its agents, the Everett Waldey Company, of this city, have recently been awarded the contract for building the new Clerk's office of Prince Edward county, at Farmville, and will furnish the same with the approved and modern furniture. The contract price is \$25,000.

Not Frank Smith.

Sergeant Tomlinson is in receipt of a letter from Detective William A. Pinkerton, of Chicago, in which he says: I am in receipt of yours of the 19th, in regard to the recent

goods men arrested here last Friday, and you will state that Frank Smith is not one of the men. One of them is, I think, a western man; the other two are from the East, but their identity has not been established yet, and Captain Stuart has not taken their pictures. My superintendent was over there the time the men were brought in, and suggested that the first thing to do was to get their pictures before they made a change in their appearance, but I do not think the boys had the pictures taken. However, Frank Smith is not in the party.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Richmond: John A. Bushell and wife to Frederick H. Garber, 60 feet on north side Graham street between Williamsburg avenue and Fulton street, \$1,000.

Guarantees: Building, Loan, and Trust Company to Emma J. wife of Clarence Peyton, 49 feet on west side Harrison street, now owned by H. Samuel H. Pulliam and wife to Charles N. Oliver, 16 1/2 feet on north side Hill street between St. John and St. Paul, \$350.

E. Shitterling and wife to Emma J. Peyton, 41 1/2x30 feet in square bounded by Leigh, Moore, Harrison, and Norton streets, \$350.

Retain the Old Name: The trustees of the General Assembly's Home and School, at Fredericksburg, which a short time ago changed the name of their institution to the Fredericksburg College, have recently reconsidered their action, and decided to retain their old name.

THE STAR OF HOPE.

"I had lost all hope and gone to my father's to die," said Mrs. MOLIE EVANS, of Mount Coryell Co., Texas. "I gave birth to a baby a year ago, the 1st of June last," she adds, "and seemed to do very well for 8 or 9 days, and then began to feel very bad, my feet began to swell, my stomach was all wrong and I seemed to suffer with everything that could be borne. I was in bed 5 months and there was not a day that it seemed I could live. We had the best doctors that our country affords, I was a skeleton. Every one that saw me thought that I would never get well. I had palpitation and pain in the heart, terrible pain in my right side just under the ribs, terrible headaches all the time; a bearing down sensation; a distressing feeling in my womb, and I looked as if I would starve. All the time I would take such weak trembling spells, and it seemed as if I could not stand it. There were six doctors treating me when I commenced taking your medicine. I had lost all hope and gone to my father's to die. I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and his Favorite Prescription together, and I took them regularly until I felt as if life was worth living again."

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